Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh is being monitored;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any permanent machinery is proposed for monitoring in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) The water quality of river godavari is being monitored every month at upstream and downstream of Rajahmundry by the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board under the Monitoring of Indian National Aquatic Resources Programme of the Central Pollution Control Board. The Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) of the river at downstream of Rajahumundry is 2.0 miligrams per litre to 4.0 miligrams per litre against the prescribed standard of a maximum of 3 miligrams per litre required for outdoor bathing.

(c) and (d) No proposal for setting up a continuous monitoring station in this regard has been received from the State Government.

Setting up of Mahila Ayog in States

4003. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Mahila Ayog set-up in each State under the direction of the National Commission for Women;

(b) the details of the States where no Mahila Ayog has been set-up so far; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to impress upon the State Governments to set-up Mahila Ayog in their States for the benefit of women?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) Assam, Delhi, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal have set up Commissions for Women at their own initiative and not under the direction of the National Commission for Women. Others have also been advised to do so.

Demand for Divisional Office at Badarpur

4004. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long-drawn agitation going on in Barak Valley demanding Railway's Divisional Office at Badarpur; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to establish a Divisional Office at Badarpur to meet the demand of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. After examining all issues the Government has decided to set up eight new divisions at Agra, Pune, Ranchi, Raipur, Rangiya, Guntur, Singrauli and Ahmedabad.

Doubling of raill lines in Gujarat

4005. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minsiter of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of his Ministry for doubling of rail lines in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time schedule for completion of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.